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PROTEASE 7, THE ENCODED POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS BASED  
THEREON*

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are a Preliminary Amendment in Response to the Final Office Action, mailed September 9, 2004, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a check (\$620) for the requisite fee for a two-month extension of time and for filing an RCE, an Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 form, cited references and a return postcard in connection with the above-captioned patent application. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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